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SUBJECT: KRAFT LINERBOARD

1. AMERICAN PAPER INSTITUTE (API) INFORMS US THAT AT REQUEST OF UNION CAMP INSTITUTE OF PAPER CHEMISTRY (IPC) HAS CONDUCTED FIBER ANALYSIS OF TWO SAMPLES OF KRAFT LINERBOARD WHICH UNION CAMP STATES WERE TAKEN FROM SHIPMENTS TO UNITED KINGDOM. ONE TAKEN FROM JANUARY SHIPMENT ON VESSEL ARMADALE TESTED 99 PERCENT UNBLEACHED SOFTWOOD KRAFT AND 1 PERCENT HARDWOOD KRAFT WITH A TRACE OF PINE INNER BARK CELLS. THE SECOND TAKEN FROM DECEMBER SHIPMENT ON VESSEL TROLL PARK TESTED 98 PERCENT UNBLEACHED SOFTWOOD KRAFT AND 2 PERCENT UNBLEACHED HARDWOOD KRAFT WITH A TRACE OF BLEACHED SOFTWOOD KRAFT (2 FIBERS OUT OF 712 EXAMINED). BRITISH CUSTOMS HAS, WE UNDERSTAND, REPORTED THAT THE DECEMBER SHIPMENT WAS "IMPURE" CONTAINING WASTE.-

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2. ANALYSIS WAS MADE ACCORDING TO TAPPI STANDARD T 401
OS-74 USING GRAFF "C" STAIN AND WEIGHT FACTORS OF 1.55
AND 0.6 FOR THE SOFTWOOD AND HARDWOOD FURNISHES
RESPECTIVELY. IN BOTH SAMPLES THE SOFTWOOD KRAFT
CONSISTED OF SPECIES OF SOUTHERN YELLOW PINE AND HARDWOOD
KRAFT OF SPECIES OF GUM AND OAK.

3. AT ITS DISCRETION EMBASSY MAY BRING THESE TEST RESULTS
TO ATTENTION OF APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS.

4. FOREST PRODUCTS LABORATORY ANALYSIS OF INTERNATIONAL
PAPER SAMPLE OBTAINED BY EMBASSY SHOWS 100 PERCENT KRAFT.
MORE DETAILED REPORT OF RESULTS AND TESTS USED WILL
FOLLOW WHEN RECEIVED FROM LABORATORY. KISSINGER

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